Nurturing Romance



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“History 263 reverts back three centuries in a kind of Rip Van Winkle in reverse! Freshly awakened, students inhabit the seventeenth century, not the twenty-first.”

Reckoning



“[I]f Joss Whedon, spy in the house of love, isn’t willing or able to wrestle with the legacy of slavery, who is?”

Menu: Introduction to Special Issue on Food



The contents of the issue fulfill the imperatives of the new Food Studies: to view eating as an agricultural act

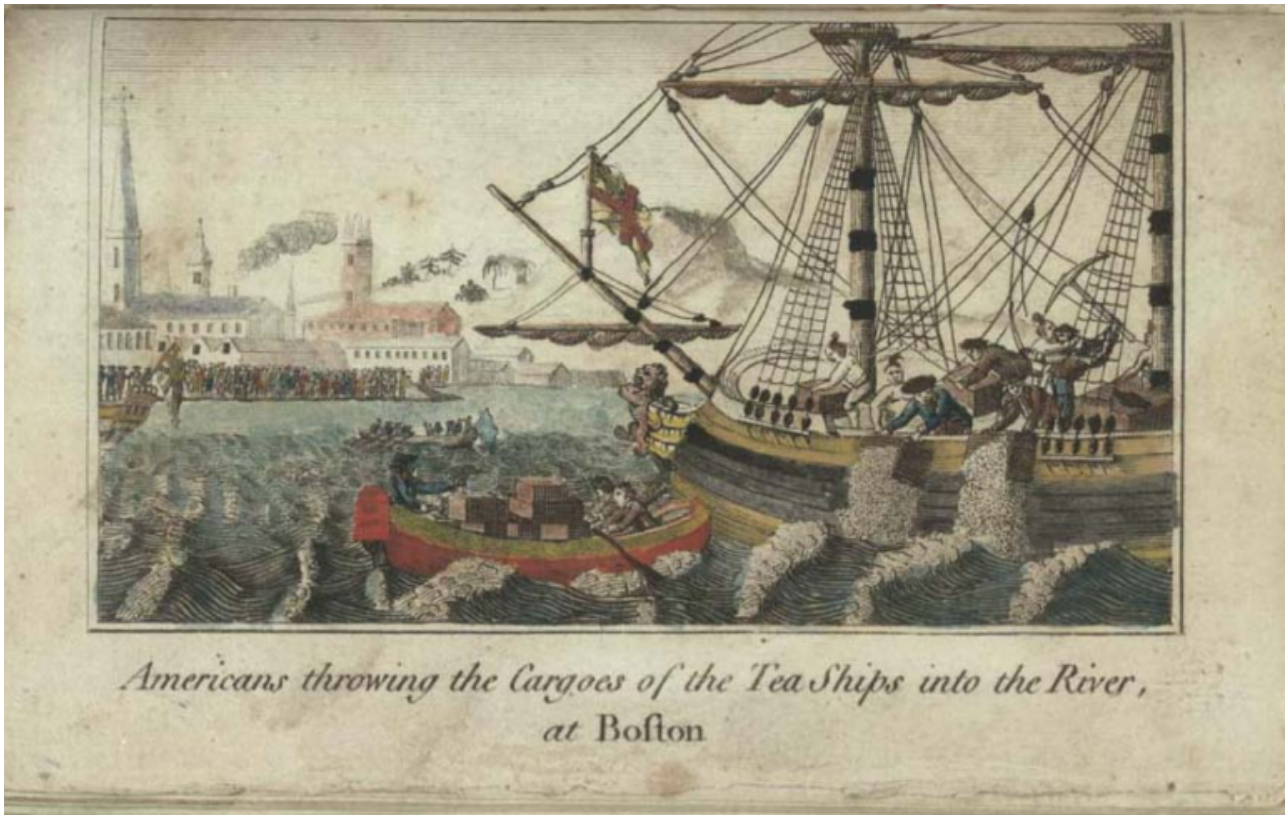
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Skepticism and Faith



Just as working with religiously committed scholars in graduate school had deepened my appreciation for the intellectual depth of perspectives rooted in faith, my experience at that Christian college helped me more easily imagine the closeted lives of skeptics in the early republic.

Ink-Stained Wretch



Here's why I was holding back my experiences at the NYC tea party from earlier this week:

The night turned chilly as dusk settled into darkness, and a dampness hung in the air from the rain that had fallen earlier in the day. In a sea of citizens who said they were fighting for freedom, I saw young men dressed as American Indians. I saw tea being brandished in protest. And I heard plenty of anger about taxes and tyranny.

This wasn't Boston on Dec. 16, 1773. I was in New York City on April 15, 2009.

Read the rest in the *Washington Post* Outlook section.

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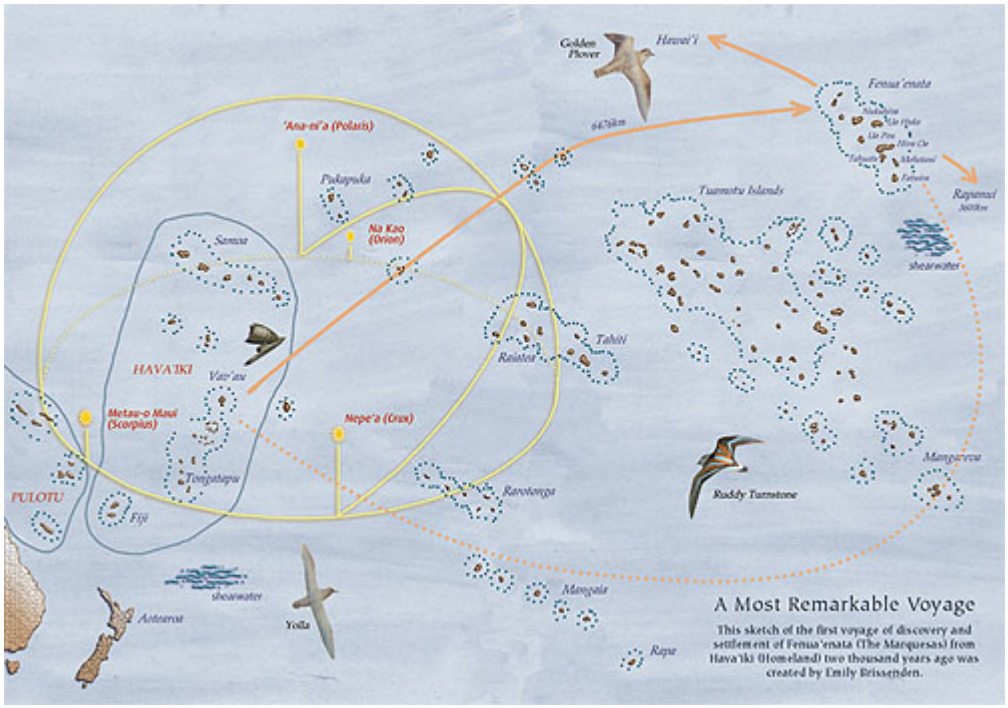
Caught Looking



Presented as part of the special issue: “A Cabinet of Curiosities”

“Authenticity was always an important part of the freak show’s promotional rhetoric, which advertised exhibits as LIVE! TRUE! REAL! GENUINE! Despite such hyperbolic claims of veracity, the exotic act was the most easily and regularly fabricated of all attractions.”

Encompassing the Sea of Islands: A most remarkable beach crossing



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For three thousand years, these peoples made a homeland of the sea enclosed by Samoa, Tonga, and Fiji. Hava’iki, they called it. They sailed the circuit of the sea with confidence. They traded. They raided. They adventured.

James Mario Matra: Voyager with Cook

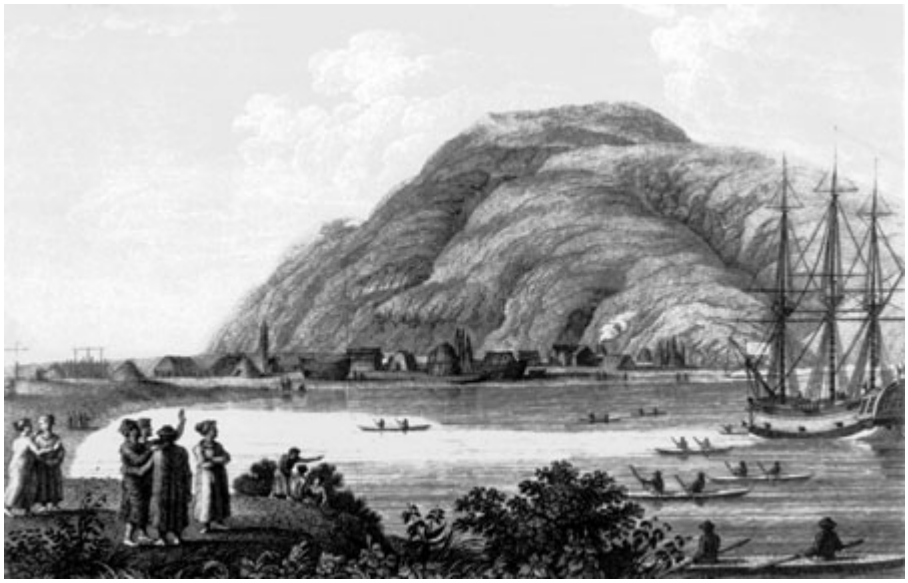


Australia in relation to the East Indies and the Pacific coastlines

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“Last Night some time in the Middle watch a very extraordinary affair happend to Mr Orton my Clerk, he having been drinking in the Evening, some Malicious person or persons in the Ship took the advantage of his being drunk and cut off all the cloaths from off his back, not being satisfied with this they some time after went into his Cabbin and cut off a part of both his Ears as he lay asleep in his bed.”

Russian Routes: Kamchatka to Kodiak Island



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The Russians soon recognized that they would gain greater profits if they could convince skilled native men to do the work for them.

Vive la Différence?



Every museum has—must have—some unstated rules of inclusion, organization, and interpretation. But the musée du quai Branly's rules seemed designed to undermine its own premises.